

WI-102  
Golden Orchard Farm  
Tyaskin vicinity  
Private

c. 1860-70

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RESOURCE NAME: Golden Orchard Farm

## MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

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# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-102

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Golden Orchard Farm

## 2. Location

street & number 22220 Deep Branch Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Tyaskin ☒ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. and Mrs. Wynn Bowman

street & number 811 Schooner Bay Drive telephone no.:

city, town Redwood City state and zip code California 94065

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court Map 44, P. 7  
liber 1142

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 354

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties

date ☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Crownsville state MD 21801

## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Golden Orchard farm is located at 22220 Deep Branch Road on the south side of Wetipquin Creek in the vicinity of Tyaskin, Wicomico County, Maryland. The farm complex is located at the end of a dirt farm lane approximately a quarter mile off the county road. Centered in the farm complex is a two-story, five-bay frame dwelling that faces south with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Estimated to date around 1860-70, the two-story, five-bay, center hall frame house is supported on a low brick foundation and the exterior is sheathed with aluminum siding. The steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the main house is a two-story, three-bay by one room service wing, which is extended by a mid twentieth century garage. Standing next to the kitchen wing is a frame smokehouse originally erected as a doctor's office. Located in the yard are several late nineteenth and twentieth century outbuildings as well as a nineteenth century Hopkins family graveyard.

The south elevation of the farmhouse is a symmetrical five-bay facade with a center entrance and flanking six-over-six sash windows. The six-panel front door has heavy panel moldings, and the entrance is flanked by pilasters covered with aluminum. The entire first floor is sheltered by a hip roofed porch supported by Tuscan columns. The porch ceiling obscures the entrance transom. Five evenly spaced six-over-six sash windows light the second floor, and the base of the roof is finished with a boxed cornice covered with aluminum as well.

The east and west gable ends are essentially alike with exterior, random course common bond brick chimneys finished with corbeled shoulders at the second floor level. Six-over-six sash windows are located to each side, and small two-over-two window light the attic. Each gable end is finished flush with the bargeboard covered with aluminum.

The north (rear) wall is partially covered by the two-story, three-bay kitchen wing. A rear hallway door with a five-panel design opens onto a rear porch, and six-over-six sash windows mark the first and second floors.

The kitchen wing appears contemporaneous with the main block. The west side is sheltered on the first floor by a turned post, shed roofed porch. A partially glazed four-panel door is flanked by six-over-six sash windows. Three six-over-six sash windows light the second floor, and the base of the roof is finished with a boxed cornice. Rising off-center through the roof is a single-flue brick chimney. The east side of the kitchen wing is covered on the first floor by a shed roofed addition that incorporates part of the kitchen. The second floor is lighted by six-over-six sash windows. Attached to the north (rear) wall of the kitchen wing is a single-story laundry and garage dating from the mid twentieth century.

The interior has survived with a large portion of its mid nineteenth century woodwork. The front door, which has an oak grained rear surface, opens into a passage

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## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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Golden Orchard Farm deserves listing in *Category A*, which identifies property of high historical and architectural interest.

### FOOTNOTES

1 Somerset County Land Record, LW 9/349, 6/21/1865, Somerset County Courthouse.

2 Phone conversation with Wynn Bowman, 7/14/1996.

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## PS-2746

## 7.1 DESCRIPTION

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that contains the principal stair. A boldly turned newel post and a series of turned balusters support a round profile handrail. The stringer is embellished with a scroll decoration. Framing the six-panel doors are bulls-eye block surrounds. Fixed in the center of the hallway ceiling is an intricate plaster medallion featuring flower and foliage forms.

On the west side of the passage is a squarish parlor, which has a fireplace centered on the end wall. The firebox is framed by a mid nineteenth century mantel featuring pilasters that rise to a plain frieze, which supports a thick mantel shelf. Centered in the parlor ceiling is a large plaster medallion. The windows are framed by bulls-eye block surrounds, and a stepped baseboard molding trims the perimeter of the room. The parlor door has a layer of oak graining, and a marbleized finish on the mantel is now covered by white paint. The parlor is also enhanced by a plaster cornice and a plaster border with quarter round inset corners that frames the medallion.

The dining room is finished in a similar fashion with a mid nineteenth century Greek Revival mantel framing the firebox and a large plaster medallion accenting the ceiling. The windows are framed by bulls-eye block surrounds and a stepped baseboard molding trims the perimeter of the room.

The second floor retains most of its mid nineteenth century finishes as well. Smaller Greek Revival mantels frame the fireboxes, and an enclosed stair entered through the east bedroom provides access to the attic. The enclosed winder stair rises behind a two-panel door. The west bedroom door retains a grained surface and is framed by a bulls-eye block surround.

The attic of the main block is unfinished, and the common rafter pairs are fastened at each peak with a mortise and tenon joint secured by cut nails.

The interior of the kitchen wing has been modified with the relocation of the rear stair along the back wall. A patch in the floor indicates the former position of an enclosed winder stair. The relocated stair is a straight flight that rises along the back wall behind the fireplace wall. The firebox is framed by a mid nineteenth century Greek Revival mantel. The perimeter of the room is finished with a beaded board wainscoting, and the original windows and door opening are framed by bulls-eye block surrounds.

Standing west of the kitchen wing is a small, gable roofed outbuilding that was erected as a doctor's office around 1860-70, but it was later converted to a smokehouse and is now a storage building. The building is supported on a brick pier foundation, and the exterior is clad with vinyl siding. The asymmetrical gable roof is covered with

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asphalt shingles. A mid-nineteenth century four-panel door pierces the east wall, while a six-over-six sash window marks the west (rear) wall. The interior was originally plastered, but much of the plaster surfaces have been removed. Circular sawn kerf marks are evident on the framing members.

West of the house is a single-bay, gable-front frame garage supported on concrete block piers and sheathed with board and batten siding and covered by a corrugated tin roof. A double door entrance pierces the east (front) wall. Due north of the garage is a late nineteenth century barn sheathed with a combination of board-and-batten and weatherboard siding. The steeply pitched gable roofed building is flanked on each side by later shed roofed additions. Located between the barn and the garage is a small family cemetery with stones marking the graves of Mathias Hopkins (b. 8/31/1778, d. 9/16/1824 and "Mrs. Nelly Hopkins (b. 6/6/1772, d. 11/16/1822). Another outbuilding, a small frame structure sheathed with metal sheet siding, stands east of the barn.



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Chain of title

Map 44, Parcel 7

1142/354

Gerald G. Wynkoop, Vineland, New Jersey

to

2/3/1988

Susan O. Bowman  
Wynn R. Bowman

Lot No. 1 of the real estate of Ware Willing as surveyed by Christopher C. Donoho by direction of the Commissioners appointed by the Circuit Court of Somerset County to value and divide the real estate of Ware Willing, Judicial Record LW 1/308-309

MSB 1129/245

Helena M. Watson, Geraldine M. Williams,  
Personal Representative of the Estate of Thelma  
H. Willing

to

12/17/1987

Robert L. Wynkoop, Roy A. Wynkoop, Judith A.  
Wynkoop, Gerald Wynkoop, Helena M. Watson

Thelma H. Willing died on 2/5/1987, Estate No.  
9850

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Betty N. Bounds

to

1/15/1944

Ernest Howard Willing  
Thelma H. Willing

J W S 256/272

Ernest Howard Willing  
Thelma H. Willing

to

1/15/1944

Betty N. Bounds

being also the same land devised unto the said  
Ernest Howard Willing by the last will and  
testament of Ernest C. Willing, deceased, dated  
10/16/1930, MNN 1/526

JTT 38/202

Maurice B. Willing, et al. (Mary A. Willing,  
Stella Burton, George W. Burton)

to

5/11/1897

Ernest C. Willing

135 acres

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Chain of title continued

Somerset County

Land Record

LW 9/349

Christopher C. Donoho and other  
Commissioners

to

6/21/1865

James A. J. Willing

Witnesseth that James A. J. Willing the  
husband of Eliza Willing, the oldest child  
and heir of said deceased....Ware Willing

Commissioners valued property \$5,290.75



**WARE WINRIGHT.** Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Queensware, Glassware, Notions, &c., and all goods usually kept in a country store. Whitehaven P. O.

**W. G. & J. Q. TILGEMAN.** Dealers in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Queensware, Glassware, Cutlery, Tobacco, Cigars, Notions, &c. Tyaskin, Md.

**JOHN WILLING AND CO.** Dealers in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Queensware, Glassware, Notions and all articles usually kept in a country store. Nanticoke P. O.

**S. A. LANGRALL.** Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Queensware, Glassware, and all articles usually kept in a first class country store. Store near M. E. Church, Nanticoke Point.

**JNO. TURNER AND SON.** Dealers in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, Queensware, Boots, Shoes, &c. Nanticoke, Md.

**J. A. CONRAWAY.** Physician and Surgeon. Office and Res near M. E. Church, Nanticoke Point.

**J. H. ELLIOTT.** Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Queensware, Glassware, Ready-made clothing, Extracts, Patent Medicines, Notions, and all goods usually kept in a first class country store. Store at Green Hill.

#### TYASKIN DISTRICT BUSINESS REFERENCES.

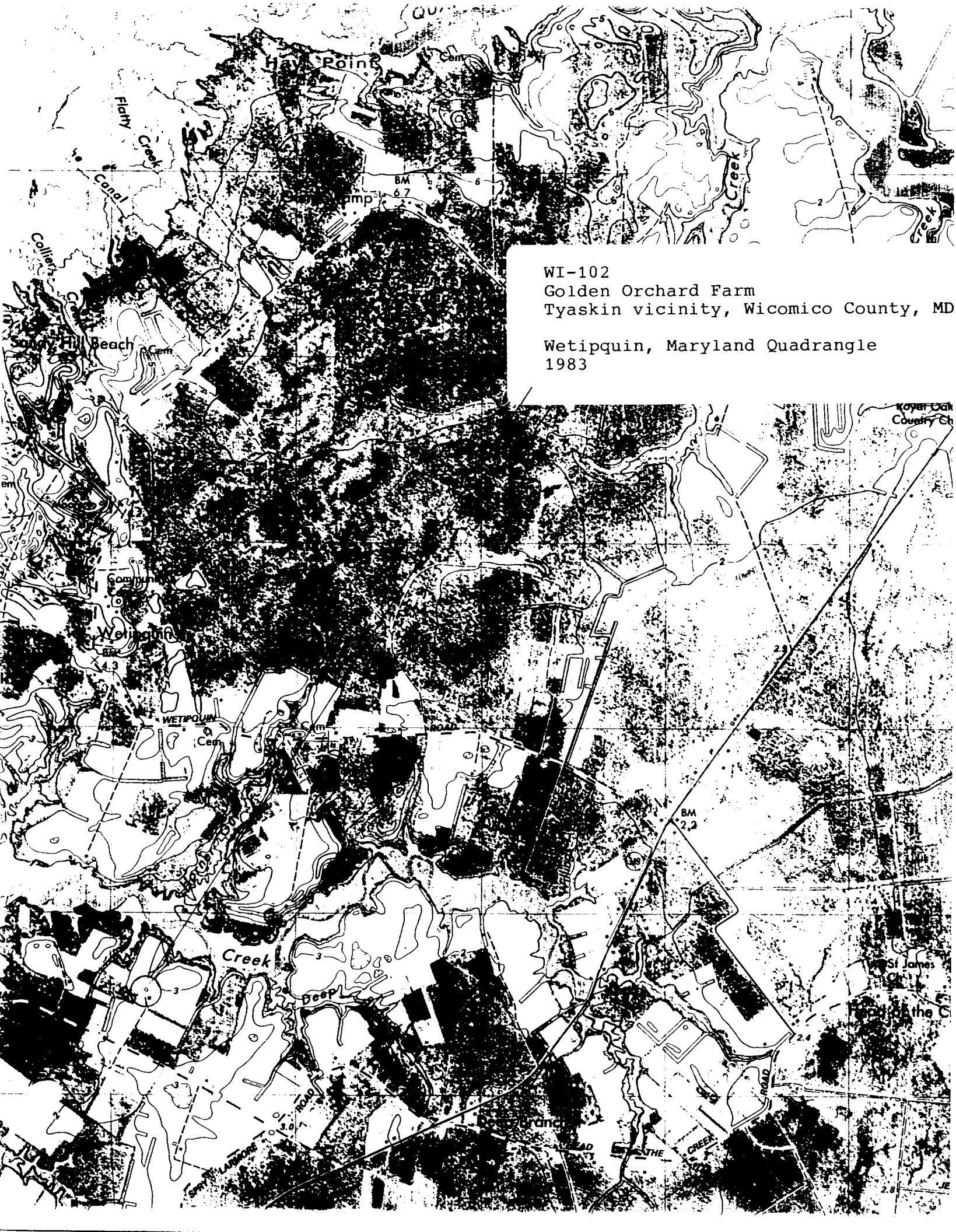
**W. J. CATLIN, M. D.** Physician and Surgeon. All calls promptly attended to. Res. and Office at Belgrade Farm. P. O., Tyaskin, Md.

**W. D. HEATH.** Dealer in Groceries, Hardware, Tobacco, Liquors, &c. Tyaskin, Md.

**NOAH J. TILGEMAN.** Proprietor of "Tyaskin Mills." Manufacturer of Corn-meal, Hominy, and all kinds of Lumber. Custom work done in sawing and grinding.

**J. E. B. HORNER.** Owner of the fine Sloop "James Wesley." All kinds of freighting done to and from any point on the "Chesapeake Bay" or its tributaries. Special Attention to the purchase and freighting of Oysters. Res. and P. O., Tyaskin, Md.

**W. WINGATE.** Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Hardware, Queensware, Glassware, Ready-made clothing, Confectionery, Wines, Whiskies, Brandy and Rum, and all articles usually kept in a first class country store, at Whitehaven.



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Wetipquin, Maryland Quadrangle

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